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PRESS STATEMENT: 26. 2. 69.

FROM: LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (MR. DUNSTAN).

SUBJECT: HALL'S DECEPTION OVER CHOWILLA.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Dunstan) said today that the Minister for National Development (Mr. Fairbairn) has said in Federal Parliament yesterday that under a 50-year-old agreement no State could build a dam on the River Murray to provide water for its own use only.

"This makes it clear to everyone that Mr. Hall's pre-election promises to build Chowilla was a blatant attempt to deceive electors for political purposes," he said.

"Mr. Hall must have known at that time that any work on the River Murray requires the approval of the River Murray Commission, and therefore the consent of the Commonwealth, Victorian and NSW Governments.

"Mr. Hall must have also known that he could not deliver on the promise, and he has now compounded his deception by not even trying to fight for SA's rights to Chowilla."

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